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The Bureau requests that this Bulletin be given free circulation among officers and that items of interests be published to the Enlisted Personnel. This bulletin is not confidential and may be destroyed at the discretion of the Commanding Officer. Constructive suggestions for improvement will be appreciated:

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1. Change in Uniform: Wing Collars. The Secretary of the Navy has approved a change in the Uniform Regulations whereby the old style standing collar with edges meeting in front is replaced for blue evening dress uniforms by a wing collar with square tips. Officers are authorized to wear the above wing collars pending publication of Change #2, Uniform Regulations.

2. Decorations, Medals and Badges. In order to clarify the question of wearing decorations, medals and badges, large and miniature, the following thumb rules are published:

1. There are four types of insignia
 - (a) Large medals
 - (b) Miniature medals
 - (c) Large ribbons
 - (d) Miniature ribbons

2. Medals are worn when gold-striped trousers are worn.
Ribbons at all other times.
3. Large medals)
Large ribbons) are worn with day-time uniforms.
4. Miniature medals)
Miniature ribbons) are worn with evening uniform.

3. Resignation of Officers. The Bureau is in receipt of an unusual number of tenders of resignation from officers on sea duty made shortly before the departure of the fleet for its winter cruise. In many such cases it is impracticable to provide reliefs prior to the departure of the fleet from home waters.

Officers tendering their resignation, who require reliefs may therefore expect that no action may be taken on their requests until a relief becomes available. The Bureau will use every endeavor to assign an early relief in these cases, but it is easily possible that a period of two or three months may elapse from the time such a resignation is received in the Bureau until final action is taken.

4. Personnel Policy. The following sets forth the policy of the Bureau of Navigation as regards the Naval Pigeon Service:

The present authorized complements of Air Stations with respect to pigeonmen will be maintained for the present and existing vacancies filled as qualified pigeonmen become available.

The policy of rotation of sea and shore duty for enlisted personnel insofar as it affects these particular specialists will be held in abeyance.

In order to have available the nineteen pigeonmen now authorized and to provide for attrition, the Bureau will assemble a small class at the Pigeon school at Anacostia sometime in the future. To this class will be assigned men of any rating who particularly request such training and who are regarded as suitable material.

5. Report of Engineering Performances, 1924-25 - Comments of Chief of Bureau of Navigation. The attention of Commanding Officers is invited to the comments of the Chief of Bureau of Navigation as contained in the Report of Engineering Performances, 1924-1925 (F.T.P. 60), pages 11-14, and it is requested that it be brought to the attention of all officers.

6. Naval Reserve Activities. The Department has approved the schedule of the Destroyer Squadrons, Scouting Fleet to be assigned for the training of Naval Reservists during the 3 month period beginning 1 July 1926.

It is the Bureau's policy that Fleet Naval Reserves be trained as Units on board the Destroyers of the Regular Navy assigned for training the Naval Reserve.

7. Navy Training Courses. Navy Training Courses covering the ratings of Chief Torpedoman, Chief Gunner's Mate, and Chief Turret Captain are now being received from the printers and requests for such courses may be made on the Bureau.

For convenience and assistance of officers in training of men, and for the information and guidance of the enlisted personnel, the Training Division of the Bureau is having Chapter V, of Bureau of Navigation Manual, covering the requirements for advancement in rating, reprinted, and a limited number of these will be sent to all ships and stations when received from the printers, without request.

8. Instructional Film. The Training Division of the Bureau of Navigation, and the Bureau of Engineering are cooperating in the production of another instructional film. The subject will be "Care and Operation of Oil Fired Water Tube Boilers." The length of the film is still unknown but the picture will be divided into five units as follows:

- Unit I --- Water Tube Boilers, their parts and uses.
- Unit II --- Burners and Combustion.
- Unit III --- Betting Under Way.
- Unit IV --- Maintenance and Operations.
- Unit V --- Casualties.

It is hoped that the picture will be ready for release in early March.

9. Library Books - New Issues. The demand for Lord Grey's Memoirs in response to the Bureau of Navigation letter of 21 October, 1925, has been so great that this book has been supplied to libraries of battle-ships and cruisers.

Attention is invited to the following books which will be available to individual officers under the same conditions as outlined in letter of 21 October 1925:

Harbord - Leaves from a War Diary.

Day to day observations on men prominent in the events of the World War, frankly given by one of America's foremost soldiers. The author, General Harbord, was successful both as a fighter and as an administrator.

Perhaps the most interesting part of this book is the portion dealing with the efforts of British and French authorities to compel Pershing to incorporate American soldiers in small units in British and French divisions to serve as replacements to the British and French armies. Pershing firmly resisted these attempts and finally convinced Lloyd George and Clemenceau of the futility of their efforts to appeal over his head to Washington.

Arrayed against Pershing was all the military and diplomatic talent in France and England. Harbord amusingly states that this was the only question upon which the British and French authorities were agreed. Pershing's stand on this question required high moral courage; he would have been utterly

condemned at home and abroad for his attitude if the Germans had captured the channel ports in 1918. In fact the pressure of the Germans became sufficiently great to force Pershing to place for a time all his troops unreservedly at Foch's disposition. No doubt, if disaster had occurred to the Allies, Pershing's refusal to fill up the British and French ranks would have been given as the primary cause, despite the fact that England was retaining in the United Kingdom a large number of British soldiers which they found they could spare when the Germans neared Amiens.

This book will be of peculiar interest to the Marine Corps for General Harbord commanded the Marine Brigade at Belleau Wood and describes with a soldier's tongue those deeds of heroism in and near Belleau Wood, which will always remain an inspiration to Marines.

Bullard - Personalities and Reminiscences of the War.

Major-General Bullard commanded the First Division, the Third Corps and the Second Army of the United States Army in France. He has described his experiences and has labeled them as his impressions and beliefs at the time. In his preface he states that he abandoned the effort to avoid heartburnings or controversies in order to give his countrymen a better understanding than they seem ever to have had of our part in any other foreign war. He desires to tell the whole truth about our Army in the World War in order that future generations might be spared the mistakes of the present.

He has lived up to the purpose he set for himself and his book is more valuable than if he had carried out his original intent of causing no controversies. He has sketched pen pictures of General Pershing and General Sumner which will be useful to any student of war. He has proudly described the deeds of the First Division. No concealment is made of his pride at their splendid achievements. He picked as his successor to command this Division General Sumner. He would have been unwilling to have left to chance the Commander of that superb Division.

He gives an accurate analysis of the low morals of the French Army in 1917 and of its utter abandonment of the offensive in war. As General Bullard was closer associated with the French than any other American general, his testimony is hard to rebut. He makes clear the determination of the American Army to avoid trench warfare and to retain their old fighting offensive spirit.

He describes the Battle of Cantigny and how it became a symbol of American superiority over the Germans and while he dwells proudly on the achievements of the American Army as a whole he does not conceal the fact that cowards were also included in that Army. Nor does he hide the fact that many officers of high repute in peace time were found utterly unprepared for their war time duties. He believes that only officers who keep the thought of war in mind during peace time will ever find themselves in time of war.

Describing the Meuse Argonne he quotes his verbal orders to a Commanding General who wished to give up some wooded country that had been heavily counter-attacked, "Give it up and you're a gonner; you will lose your command in twenty-four hours. Make one more attempt; this time you will take the wood and throw the enemy out". The general so ordered held the wood and he was given an Army Corps as a reward.

General Bullard was one of the outstanding military figures of his time and his book will prove of interest to naval as well as army officers. Not content with winning the war, as soon as the Armistice was over, he set himself the task, "Preserving discipline and morale in our own Army".

In addition the following will also be available in the same manner:

Bywater - Great Pacific War.
Ganoe - History of the U. S. Army.
Hendrick - Life and Letters of W.H. Page, V.3.
Hoffman, von, - War of lost opportunities.
Mowat Diplomatic relations of
Great Britain and the United States.
Spender - Public Life 2. v.

These titles will bring to mind other books which you will find already either in the ship's library or which can be supplied on request. For instance, Bywater's Great Pacific War will suggest this author's earlier book, Sea Power in the Pacific.

Mowat's Diplomatic relations of Great Britain and the U. S. will be more enjoyed if you have recently read Gibbon's Introduction to World Politics.

The third volume of Ambassador Page's Letters naturally recalls the earlier volumes which this supplements.

Bullard and Harbord and von Hoffman will lead back to other personal reminiscences of officers of all nationalities.

10. Permanent Appointments Issued 1st and 2d Class Petty Officers.
On November 11th the first permanent appointments were issued by the Bureau to first class and second class petty officers. From that date to December 30th, 500 of these certificates were issued. As there are some 20,000 first and second class petty officers in the Navy and as probably half are eligible for permanent appointments so far as length of service is concerned, it would appear that the provisions of the new Bureau of Navigation Manual are not sufficiently well known. Reference Article D-5111, revised edition.

11. Motion Pictures. The Bureau has purchased the following feature motion pictures for distribution to ships and stations taking Navy Motion Picture Service:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Star.</u>
Seven Sinners	Prevost-Brook
The Man from Red Gulch	Harry Carey
The Mocking Bird	Lon Chaney
Dance Madness	Pringle - Cody

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<u>Title.</u>	<u>Star.</u>
The Barrier	Kerry-Barrymore
The Exquisite Sinner	Nagel - Adoree
The Splendid Crime	Bebe Daniels
Mannequin	A. Joyce - W. Baxter
Hands Up	Raymond Griffith
The Enchanted Hill	J. Holt - F. Vidor
The American Venus	Ralston - Sterling
Joanna	Dorothy Mackaill
Infatuation	Corinne Griffith
The Splendid Road	Anna Q. Nilsson
Bluebeard's Seven Wives	Sweet - Lyon
Tumbleweeds	Wm. S. Hart
The Fight to the Finish	Wm. Fairbanks
Counsel for the Defense	Peters - Compson
The Arizona Sweepstakes	Hoot Gibson
The Fool	Edmund Lowe
The Best Bad Man	Tom Mix

The Commandant, U. S. Naval Station, St. Thomas, V.I., desires to obtain a standard billiard and pool table, without charge. If any station having such a table will inform the Commandant or the Bureau, arrangements will be made for shipment.

12. Re-enlistment Leave. The question was recently presented to the Bureau as to whether the reenlistment leave might be given in addition to the 30 days' annual leave. Referring to Article D-7028, Bureau of Navigation Manual, the leave authorized on re-enlistment within 30 days and the leave authorized on first extension of enlistment (paragraphs 7 and 14) are both separate and distinct from the annual leave authorized by paragraph 3.

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